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TOP NEWS:
EXCELLENT!!!
Great work and
Professionalism!
Rick B.

That was the message from MG Rick Bowling, National Commander in response to a note informing him of our new State Appropriation.

Governor Rendell signed the passed legislation authorizing a grant of **\$450,000.00** to the PAWG-CAP. This was accomplished in the early morning hours (4-5) of the 4th of July.

Happy Birthday America!
Thank you for a

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PAWG GROUP 2 NEWSLETTER

Lt Col Charles M. Bechtel, Commander

Successful Glider COFs at Zerbey

I want to thank all who had a part in making this past Saturday, (19-20 June), a real success for our cadets. We had fifteen cadets from the following Squadrons: **302-New Cumberland, 306-Harrisburg, 307 Lebanon and 401-Williamsport.** Every cadet got a COF in the Schweitzer 2-33, our newest acquisition (but an old glider).



The weather was not good and we had some mechanical challenges to overcome, but the dedication of the seniors involved prevailed over the environment. A special thanks to **Skip Guimond** and **Bill Crielly** who served as glider COF pilots and tow pilots-without them the COFs could not have taken place. **Harold Aaron** helped with everything and did the paperwork too. **Geoffrey Knauth** of 401 (Williamsport) did wing runner, paperwork and everything else that

required senior help-Capt Adams pass my thanks on to him. **Lt Bill Byle** of 307 (Lebanon) did wing runner and taught the cadets how to be wing runners and most importantly he cooked a great lunch for all-Capt Finchen pass my thanks to **Bill** again. We need to get **Lancaster, Bedford, Altoona and York in the next round.** **Ron Gardner** will put the schedule out soon. Please lick it in on your calendars. **See you at Zerbey!**
Lt Col. Bechtel
Commander, Group 2

Pennsylvania Wing Civil Air Patrol Headquarters; Center of Activities

Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA – the Pennsylvania Wing Civil Air Patrol headquarters, is bustling with activities.

During the months of June and July, classes, schools, and encampments are taking place, utilizing the headquarters for various projects whether it be administrative services or classroom usage.

One such activity was the Corporate Learning Course which was held on the 19th and 20th of June. Twenty wing-wide members attended and graduated from the weekend event and sixteen staff directors taught and shared their knowledge of their departments with the students. "It went really well and I was very happy about the good turnout," said Lieutenant Colonel Randy Lentz. (Lt Col Lentz serves as Pennsylvania Wing's Professional Development Director.) "I felt the presenters were very knowledgeable of their departments and they represented a significant number of Wing staff," he added.

The Cadet Leadership School, a week long encampment, was held during the week of June 19th to the 26th, under the direction of the Cadet Leadership School's Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Walter Vertreace. The culmination of the staff and instructors made the school a success.

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Pennsylvania Wing Civil Air Patrol Headquarters; Center of Activities continued



Attendees after the completion of the CLC held at PAWG Headquarters on 19-20 June, 2004.
-(Photo taken by Wing PAO, Dan Lanphear.



Photo taken by Lt Col Robert Meinert

2004 National Board and Annual Conference

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The Adventure Challenge Experience seemed to be the highlight of the encampment. Each station followed safety regulations and the scenarios pushed the participants to the limits of their own safety zones which helped to develop the self-confidence needed to become good leaders.

The Pennsylvania Wing Encampment begins on the 24th of July and continues through the week with the conclusion on the 31st. It is estimated that basic cadets, staff cadets and senior staff will number approximately 250 campers this year. It is also noted that the encampment attendees travel from all parts of Pennsylvania as well as cross country to participate in this annual CAP encampment.

Administrative Director for the encampment, Lieutenant Colonel Willa Hayes said, "So many hours of curriculum must be followed as required in the CAP Regulations, 50-17. During the week long event, where time allows, elective activities are also incorporated. Such electives are the rifle range, the leadership reaction course and when possible, the slide for life," continued Lt Col Hayes. Captain Antonio R. Pena will serve as the Commander for this year's encampment.

Annual EAA Smoketown Airport Flying in Breakfast - Capt Steve Wilson

The following photos are of the 403rds Seniors in direct support of the 304ths Cadets handing the aircraft marshalling duties at the Annual EAA Smoketown Airport Flying in Breakfast. This event was held on Sunday May 30th, 2004. **All did an outstanding job.**

Capt. Steven Wilson
403rd OPS Officer.



(More photos on page 4 – Photos submitted by Capt Steve Wilson.)

CALENDAR REMINDERS

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| Summer Hawk..... | 10 - 18 July |
| PAWG Basic Encampment..... | 24 - 31 July |
| PAWG Glider Encampment..... | 24 - 31 July |
| 2004 National Board & Annual Conference..... | 18 - 21 Aug. |

Flight Schedule Pro to support Civil Air Patrol

MAXWELL AFB, Ala. — Software development firm Flight Schedule Pro has signed a multi-year corporate partnership agreement with Civil Air Patrol, the civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. Specializing in Web-based software services for the general aviation community, Flight Schedule Pro (www.flightschedulepro.com) is a leading online scheduling and aircraft/resource management system for flight schools, flying clubs, charter organizations, and fractional ownership groups. The company is also the latest in a growing list of corporations to support Civil Air Patrol and its community service missions through CAP's corporate partner program.

While terms of the agreement were undisclosed, Flight Schedule Pro will provide Civil Air Patrol with the ability to integrate its scheduling and maintenance software into CAP's information management and asset tracking systems. In return, the company will receive the right to use the CAP name and corporate supporter mark in the company's advertising, marketing and promotional programs.

"We'd like to thank Flight Schedule Pro for this commitment to our members," said Maj. Gen. Richard Bowling, CAP national commander. "Several of our CAP units across the country are already using their system and it has been well-received. Now we'll be able to offer the benefits of Flight Schedule Pro technology to all our air crews."

Supporting a growing international customer base, Flight Schedule Pro is an easy-to-use yet efficient multiple aircraft scheduling system. "We feel privileged to play a part in an organization that has made our country a safer place and has served our community in so many positive ways over the years," said Jasen Barnes, president of Flight Schedule Pro. "We are excited about this partnership and believe we can bring a lot to the table for the members of Civil Air Patrol."

More than 62,000 volunteer men and women are currently members of the nonprofit Civil Air Patrol. With its fleet of 550 single-engine aircraft, CAP performs 95% of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and was credited last year by the AFRCC with saving more than 140 lives. CAP volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and counterdrug missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies.

"The addition of Flight Schedule Pro to CAP's current integrated management system will offer a fast, easy and efficient solution to our members in scheduling and maintaining our aircraft," said Paul Capicik, CAP director of information technology at CAP National Headquarters.

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In addition to its community service operations, CAP members also take a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to the almost 27,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. CAP has been performing missions for America for more than 60 years.

Jim Shea

Director, Strategic Partnerships, CAP National Headquarters



Cadets and Seniors alike, learning and sharing the duties at the Annual EAA Smoketown Flying in breakfast.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our congratulations goes out to Lt Col Elizabeth Magners from Squadron 812 of Boyertown, for her reaching a milestone of 60 years of service and devotion to Civil Air Patrol. She joined the Civil Air Patrol on 20, June, 1944. Her achievements, awards and honors are numerous. She has also earned awards from other organizations as well.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our congratulations goes out to Major Robert Gardner for being selected as the Pennsylvania Wing, Senior Member of the year for 2003. Major Gardner joined Civil Air Patrol in January of 1998 and is currently a member of the Group 2 Staff and serves as their Aircraft Maintenance Officer and is the primary reason that there is a glider program in Group 2.